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1. Future developments in the field of "kleine Parteiarbeit" should be viewed in the light of compliance with basic directives laid down in the resolution of the SED Landesverband Berlin, dated 10 June 1949.
2. For the last year primary emphasis had been placed upon the ideological indoctrination of party members within the framework of house and factory groups. From now on the emphasis in the lower party echelons (Kreis, Stadtbezirk) is going to shift toward practical party work in mass organizations and strengthening the functional capabilities of the party apparatus, the latter to be accomplished through a drastic personnel reorganization.
3. Responsible party functionaries have repeatedly stressed the preponderant importance of increasing the influence within the party of members who are considered men of integrity ("menschlich einwandfrei"). This is in contradistinction to "typical RFB (Rotfrontkämpferbund) elements" who are to be withdrawn from the public limelight focussed upon the activities of the SED. They are to be replaced by equally reliable but less obdurate elements who recognize the importance of making allies in the bourgeois camp and who, rather than resorting to physical violence, are equipped to use intellectual persuasion.

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Bruno Baum, chief of the economics section of the Landesverband Berlin, is quoted as stating that the party's greatest task for some time to come will be "to react correctly to all problems related to the national front". To this objective all others would have to be subordinated, even though the ultimate unification of Germany may take years. This policy could only be implemented by functionaries prepared and equipped to join forces with Germans from all walks of life, "even capitalists from the Ruhr"

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moves are contemplated and have in part already been initiated:

- a. Personnel and organization sections will be rendered capable of exercising their organic functions. For some time, party lecturers (Referenten) and instructors have been stressing at functionary meetings the significance of Stalin's dictum that "the organization is everything". This stands in contrast to the party line expounded heretofore, viz. that stress be laid upon a centrally controlled ideological schooling system. Henceforth ideological training will be assigned to study groups and expanded by means of "self-training", thereby relieving the functional branches of the party of that responsibility.
 - b. The party will concentrate its energies upon "mass organizations (FDGB, FDJ, etc.) and the development of the "national front". These mass organizations and the national front serve as a device to collect interested elements without necessarily incorporating them into the party. They do, however, constitute a reservoir from which the party can draw its replacements.
 - c. Through the shop groups the party will endeavor to exert its influence to increase production, thereby contributing to the fulfillment of the Two Year Plan. Also the shop groups serve as a personnel reservoir from which suitable functionaries can be recruited. They are furthermore expected to furnish the so-called "Arbeiterstudenten" (university students with proletarian background), 1500 of whom will have to be made available in Berlin alone for the fall semester.
6. A training course for personnel secretaries at the Kreispartei-schule in Kaulsdorf, which recently started, endeavors to inculcate on the students the correct standards to be employed in the recruitment of party functionaries. The shortage of qualified functionaries has to a considerable degree been brought about by the drain imposed on the party by the personnel demands of the state and mass organizations.

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